

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, September 9, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 121. }

I. Paragraph 1064 of the Army Regulations (107 of the Regulations of the Quartermaster's Department), is amended to read as follows:

"Officers are entitled to pay from the date of the acceptance of their appointments, and from the date of promotion: provided, that disbursing officers, who are required to give official bonds, shall forward the same, always duly executed, with their letters of acceptance, and that their acceptances shall take effect only from the date of the approval of the bonds by the War Department. But in no case will an officer be assigned to duty, and receive pay, until he has received his appointment. Notifications of the receipt and approval of said bonds will be forwarded to officers, through the chief of the Bureau to which they belong."

II. All officers of the Quartermaster General's and Commissary General's departments (except such as hold commissions in the regular army of the Confederate States), appointed prior to the commencement of the present session of Congress (January 12th, 1863), and whose bonds, prior to the date of this order, have not been filed in, and approved by the War Department, are hereby dropped: provided, that on satisfactory evidence that such failure has not been the result of gross neglect, the Commanding General may grant the officers concerned a short leave of absence to make and forward their bonds, and shall report this fact to the Quartermaster General.

III. No application for the revocation of the above order, in any individual case, will be entertained by the War Department. If a vacancy be occasioned in any brigade or regiment, or at a post, application will be made for a new appointment, in conformity to General Orders, No. 8, 1863; and the appointee, in accepting his position, will be held strictly to the requirements of preceding paragraph I.

IV. Officers of the Quartermaster General's department, whose appointments bear date subsequent to the 12th day of January 1863, and who have not filed bonds, duly executed, will be allowed a furlough for such time, not exceeding sixty days, as may be necessary to enable them to execute their bonds.

V. Commanding officers will be careful to recommend for appointment as disbursing officers, only such persons as furnish reasonable assurance of their ability to execute the bonds required by law.

VI. All letters of appointment hereafter issued will be accompanied by a notification to the appointee, that his official bond must be returned with his acceptance, and that the latter will take effect only from the date at which said bond is approved.

By order.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.